COMPENSATORY(CITY) ALLOWANCE

Pay Range	Amount of CCA in Class of cities Rs. P.M.		
	'A'	'B-1'	'B-2'
Below Rs. 950	30	25	20
Rs. 950 and above but below Rs. 1500 .	45	35	20
Rs. 1500 and above but below Rs. 2000	75	50	20
Rs. 2000 and above	100	75	20

Chemical used in Processing of Opium

1408. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chemical which turns opium into heroin is produced in India but is smuggled into Pakistan and Burma in large quantities;

(b) whether Government propose to stop its production or reduce it or take any other steps to check its smuggling, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Acetic Anhydride used for the manufacture of Heroin is also produced in India. It is sometime smuggled to Pakistan and Myanmar and some seizures have been effected in the area prohibited for movement of this chemical.

(b) The Acetic Anhydride a precursor chemical for manufacture of heroin has been declared as a 'Controlled Substance' under the NDPS Act, and notification of a scheme has been issued to regulate the manufacture, distribution, sale, imports, exports, and consumption of Acetic Anhydride; and imposition of controls on movement of the chemical within 50 Kms of Indo-Pak Border and 100 Kms of Indo-Myanmar Border. Industry has also been approached to cooperate in exercising control over the substance.

(c) As Acetic Anhydride is also used in the manufacture of drugs and chemicals it is not feasible to stop its manufacture.

Bilateral Investment Guarantee Agreements

1409. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign bilateral investment guarantee agreements with U.S.A., U.K., Germany and South Korea in the near future;

(b) if so, the total amount of investment expected from these countries; and

(c) the areas where the investments are going to be made by these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Government of India is in the process of devising a model Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement. The issue of entering into a Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement with various countries will be decided thereafter.

(b) and (c) While the signing of BIPT is expected to provide an enabling environment for attracting investment, it will not be possible either to quantify the levels or specify areas of investment by the foreign countries as these would depend on the foreign investors perceptions.